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KISSINGER FOLLOWING OCTOBER 10 MEETING

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THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY MET THE PRESS AFTER THEIR
SECOND MEETING. THE TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS:

(SADAT): DR. KISSINGER IS GOING TO BRIEF YOU.

(KISSINGER): I WAS JUST WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT. THE PRES-
IDENT AND I HAVE BOTH LAST NIGHT AND THIS EVENING REVIEWED THE
ENTIRE RANGE OF EGYPTIAN UNITED STATES BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS
AS WELL AS PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I RE-
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PEATED TO THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT FORD'S INTEREST THAT PRO-

GRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BE MAINTAINED. WE REVIEWED THE MODALITIES BOTH OF PROCEDURES AND OF SUCH VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW, THE VARIOUS ASPECTS IN WHAT I CONSIDER A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE MANNER AND IN THE USUAL FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

(QUESTION): WHAT ARE THESE MODALITIES, DR. KISSINGER?

(K): WELL I'M AT THE BEGINNING OF MY TRIP AND I HAVE TO VISIT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, OF COURSE, I WILL RETURN HERE ON MONDAY TO REVIEW MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT SO I WOULD THINK I WOULD BE GOING THROUGH THEM THEN.

(Q): PRESIDENT SADAT, WHAT WOULD YOU HOPE WOULD BE THE NEXT STAGE IN THE EFFORT TO SECURE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

(S): WELL WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS IN BROAD LINES AND THERE ARE MANY ITEMS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED -- AND AS DR. KISSINGER SAYS -- THE (GARBLE) OF THE BEST RELATIONS THAT WE HAVE TOGETHER -- I THINK IT IS PREMATURE TO TELL YOU ANY DETAILS.

(Q): DO YOU EXPECT FURTHER DISENGAGEMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI TROOPS?

(K): WELL, I OF COURSE, HAVEN'T VISITED, AS I SAID, ANY OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES BUT THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN THE PROPER CONTEXT AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DISCUSS AND EXPLORE.

(Q): DR. KISSINGER, PLEASE, DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR TRIP WILL COME OUT WITH CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS PEACE, TOWARDS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES?

(K): WELL BEFORE I LEFT WASHINGTON I TOLD THE AMERICAN PRESS CORPS THAT THERE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ANY DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS TRIP AND I NEVER DISAPPOINT THE AMERICAN PRESS CORPS. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS TRIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS PROGRESS, TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I AM ENCOURAGED BY MY TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

(Q): DR. KISSINGER, A YEAR AGO YOU SAID THAT YOU THOUGHT THE WHOLE MATTER WOULD TAKE ABOUT A YEAR. NOW THAT A YEAR HAS PASSED DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER YEAR?

(K): I DON'T THINK I SHOULD MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS AS TO ANY TIME PERIOD EXCEPT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT THAT WE REVIEWED ALL THE MODALITIES AND POSSIBLE APPROACHES AND WE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE COMMITTED TO CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE AND THAT I AM ENCOURAGED BY MY TALKS.

(Q): ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE MR. SISCO IN THE AREA OR ARE YOU COMING BACK YOURSELF?

(K): I WILL TAKE MR. SISCO BACK WITH ME AS WAS ALWAYS PLANNED AND OF COURSE I PLAN TO COME BACK PERIODICALLY TO THE AREA WHENEVER MY COMING HERE CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PEACE.

(Q): DR. KISSINGER, AFTER YOUR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT

IS THE NEXT STEP CLEARER IN YOUR PROSPECTUS TOWARDS KEEPING
THE PEACE MOMENTUM IN THE AREA?
(K): IT IS SOMEWHAT CLEARER IN MY MIND.
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